

Physician Associates in general practice - #AssociateYourself

As a physician associate, working in general practice will offer a wealth of opportunities for you to progress in your career.

Working in primary care [1] involves working with GPs and the wider practice team to provide continuity of care for patients, particularly those with long-term conditions.

"I find it very rewarding when I've supported a patient with a mental illness and seen them come out the other side feeling hopeful and stronger than they were." [2]

Read Andy's story of being a physician associate in general practice [2].

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Working life

This role complements that of a GP. You'll have an increasing role to play as part of the diverse multi-skilled practice team, including:

- managing patient lists
- providing health promotion and disease prevention advice for patients
- performing physical examinations
- diagnosing illnesses
- seeing patients with long-term conditions
- undertaking residential, nursing and home visits
- taking medical histories from patients
- analysing test results
- making referrals and
- developing management plans.

Employing physician associates

“The impact of the Physician Associates has been remarkable, it’s changed the way the practice works and runs. It feels as though we are a more cohesive group of people delivering better care.”

Find out more about employing physician associates on the Faculty of Physician Associates website. [5]

Interested career in general practice?

- Email primarycare@hee.nhs.uk [6] to find out more about the opportunities available
- Head over to the Faculty of Physician Associates [7]
- Watch additional videos [8] about working as a physician associate in general practice

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